

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING

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DATE: 11/17/03

AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda	ORIGINATING DEPT: City Administration	ITEM NO. D-16
ITEM DESCRIPTION CDBG Contingency Transfer Request by RADAR		PREPARED BY: T. Spaeth

Council member Stobaugh recently received a letter from representatives of RADAR, requesting assistance of \$1200 for the room rental related to their annual 9-Ball Classic Wheelchair Tournament.

For the past several years, RADAR has been a recipient of CDBG funding to assist with this endeavor. For 2004, RADAR, along with other non-profit agencies, did not receive a CDBG appropriation. At this time, there is a balance of approximately \$26,000 in the CDBG Contingency Account. If the Council so desires, an appropriation of \$1200 to RADAR to go into their 2003 activity account could be approved at this time.

Council Action Requested:

Approval of \$1200 from CDBG Contingency to RADAR, as a 2003 activity.

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion by: _____ Second by: _____ to:

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November 1, 2003

Greetings:

January 2003 saw RADAR hosting its Fourth Annual RADAR 9-Ball Classic Tournament in the Ballroom of the Radisson Plaza Hotel. The RADAR 9-Ball Classic Tournament is sanctioned through the National Wheelchair Poolplayer's Association.

As in the past, this tournament brought together players from all across the country to play in the first tournament of the year. All players competing for a total of \$5,000 in prize money and plaques. Players came from as close as Rochester, Stewartville, & Winona; and as far away as Atlanta GA, Garden Grove & Grass Valley CA, and Tampa FL. Many came from the warmer climates to participate in this tournament held here in Rochester, in January.

The best part of the tournament is that it continues to give individuals from the Midwest, including those from the Rochester, Southeastern Minnesota and Midwest region, an opportunity to play in a national tournament with out having to travel far. Many of the other tournaments are held on either coast, or in the southern part of the states, which entails much more travel. Several of the regional players, had been members of the NWPAA for some time, but were unable to compete in any of the other tournaments, due to the travel distance and expense.

The RADAR 9-Ball Classic continues to be the first sanctioned tournament of the new year and again for 2004 has been designated as the first in a series of the three tournaments established as the "Triple Crown" of wheelchair pool tournaments. The designation of being one of the "Triple Crown" tournaments was given to three tournaments with a total of \$5,000 or more in prize money. This is quite an honor!

Proudly, we write this to you today, to let you know that plans currently are being made for the 2004 tournament. Our goal is to have a full 32-player field for the main tournament. Again, as an added challenge, plans are to have several "mini-tournaments" that the players will be able

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to participate in when they are not playing in the other tournament. These "mini-tournaments" are open participation by anyone. These will be an additional way to raise funds for this event, but will also give the players and opportunity to be matched up with other players that they may not meet in the main tournament.

The successes of the past tournaments were accomplished due to the wonderful support of the RADAR Board of Directors, and so many local groups and businesses, which supported them. We would like to take this time to thank you for your support of the 2003 event. We would like to request your support to make this next tournament another success and to offer the same opportunity to others.

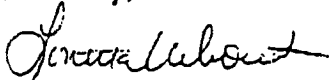
The 2004 RADAR 9-Ball Classic Wheelchair Tournament will be held January 30 - February 1, 2004. It will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in the Ballroom (skyway level). The tournament was moved last year to assist players and to hopefully more observers. It was very successful and well received thus our commitment to the same site for this upcoming event.

The past several years, the City of Rochester supported this opportunity and event, in the amount of the costs of the rental of the Ballroom at the Mayo Civic Center in the amount of \$1,260. For the 2003 event we moved to the Radisson Plaza Hotel - Ballroom. This assisted in allowing players an opportunity to return to their rooms to rest or tend to other issues between rounds. We were more consolidated, along with the movement of the D&R tournament, we moved in an effort to attract more visibility for our players.

Please take a moment to consider the possibility of the City's continued support to assist in this opportunity. If you would be so kind, it would be greatly appreciated if you would take it to the City Council for discussion, review and our hopes, approval of support in the amount of the estimated room rental of \$1,200. Once a decision is made, a letter or some notice of approval / commitment would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or to discuss your options for support of this event. Thank you for your time and consideration of your support for this tournament. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Loretta Verbout
RADAR Executive Director

Enclosure

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